

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-18 (canceled).

19. (new) In a method for preparing triterpenoid-containing liposomes, which comprises the following steps of:

(1) dispersing a triterpenoid having an acid moiety in a polyol while heating up to 60~70°C to prepare a dispersion;

(2) dissolving a phospholipid in ethanol at room temperature to prepare an ethanol solution of phospholipid;

(3) adding the ethanol solution of step (c) into the dispersion of step (b) to prepare a mixture;

(4) adding the mixture of step (d) into distilled water and then emulsifying to prepare an emulsion, and

(5) changing the mixed micelle system to lyposomes and collecting the liposomes
the improvement comprising

(a) after the dispersion is prepared in step (1) but before the ethanol solution is prepared in step (2), adding a base into the dispersion converting the acid group in the triterpenoid to a salt having surface activity to prepare a low viscosity dispersion, and

(b) after the emulsion is prepared in step (4) but before the lysomes are collected in step (5), adding an acid to the emulsion of to decrease the pH to 5 to 8 and to convert the triterpenoid salt back to the acid form thereby losing its surface activity thereby changing the mixed micelle system to liposomes having diameters in a range of 0.001~10 µm and containing the triterpenoid in a range of 0.001~5% by weight based on the total weight of the liposomes.

20. (new) The method according to Claim 19 wherein said polyol of step (1) is selected from the group consisting of pentylene glycol, butylene glycol and propylene glycol.

21. (new) The method according to Claim 19, wherein said base of step (a) is selected from the group consisting of triethanolamine, triisopropanolamine, potassium hydroxide, 2-aminobutanol, sodium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide and calcium hydroxide.

22. (new) The method according to Claim 21, wherein said base is the same normality as that of the triterpenoid of step (1) and is added in an amount of 0.001~0.5% by weight based on the total weight of the liposome.

23. (new) The method according to Claim 21, wherein said base is added in an amount to maintain pH of the dispersion of step (a) to a range of 10~11.

24. (new) The method according to Claim 19, wherein said acid of step (b) is selected from the group consisting of adipic acid, boric acid, citric acid, acetic acid, formic acid, fumaric acid, lactic acid, glycolic acid, succinic acid, propionic acid, pyruvic acid and phosphoric acid.

25. (new) The method according to Claim 24, wherein said acid is the same normality as that of the base of step (a).

26. (new) The method according to Claim 24, wherein said acid is added in an amount to maintain pH of the liposomes of step (b) in a range of 5~8.

27. (new) The method according to Claim 19, wherein said phospholipid of step (2) has 0~3 double bonds.

28. (new) The method according to Claim 19, wherein said phospholipid of step (2) contains 70~95wt% of phosphatidylcholine.

29. (new) Triterpenoid liposomes prepared by the method according to Claim 19, wherein the content of said triterpenoid in the triterpenoid liposomes is in a range of 0.5~2.5% by weight based on the total weight of the liposome.

30. (new) Triterpenoid liposomes according to Claim 29, wherein the diameter of the liposome is in a range of 0.1~0.2 μm .

31. (new) Triterpenoid liposomes according to Claim 29, wherein said triterpenoid is selected from the group consisting of ursolic acid, oleanolic, betulinic acid, β -boswellic acid and their admixture.

32. (new) Triterpenoid liposomes according to Claim 29, wherein the content of said phospholipid in the triterpenoid liposomes is in a range of 0.001~15% by weight based on the total weight of the liposome.

33. (new) A skin-care composition containing triterpenoid liposome according to Claim 29.

34. (new) The skin-care composition according to claim 33, wherein the composition has a formulation of a skin softener, toilet water, nutrition toilet water, nutrition cream, massage cream, essence, eye cream, eye essence, cleansing cream, cleansing foam, cleansing water, mask, powder, body lotion, body oil, body essence, make-up base, foundation, hairdyes, shampoo, body cleaner, patch or sprays.

35. (new) A composition according to claim 29, wherein the composition is formulated as a tooth paste or oral cleaner.